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1. JOHN RAE AND I HAD DISCUSSED POSSIBLE PUBLICITY CONCERNING THE [] INSTALLATION LAST SPRING. WE DIDN'T COME UP WITH AN ACTUAL SCRIPT, BUT I BELIEVE THE IDEA WAS TO REPRESENT THE NEW FACILITY AS A PERFECTLY LOGICAL AND NATURAL DEVELOPMENT WITHIN BBC'S TECHNICAL ESTABLISHMENT TO KEEP PACE WITH CHANGES IN INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING TECHNIQUES, WHICH ARE NOW COMMONPLACE, [] TRANSMIT PUBLIC RADIO AND TV. SIGNALS OF NEWS INTEREST ARE, RIGHTLY, THE ONES THE NEW GEAR WOULD PICK UP JUST AS BBC ALSO PICKS UP NEWS SIGNALS WITH OLDER AND MORE CONVENTIONAL ANTENNAE. {C} Y

2. I FEEL QUESTION OF WHO IS PAYING FOR THE NEW GEAR SHOULD BE SIDESTEPED IF POSSIBLE, BUT IT'S THE SORT OF THING NEWSMEN INSIST ON ASKING. PERHAPS IT WOULD BE SATISFACTORY SIMPLY TO SAY THAT CONSTRUCTION FUNDING HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT BUT THAT OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE ANTENNA REST WITH BBC. YOUR SUGGESTED ANSWER IS OKAY, THOUGH. OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH BBC HAS BEEN

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